

# Maestro 8.0

## Overview

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In addition to the use of italics for names of documents, the font conventions that are used in this document are summarized in the table below.

Font	Example	Use
Sans serif	Project Table	Names of GUI features, such as panels, menus, menu items, buttons, and labels
Monospace	<code>\$\$SCHRODINGER/maestro</code>	File names, directory names, commands, environment variables, and screen output
Italic	<i>filename</i>	Text that the user must replace with a value
Sans serif uppercase	CTRL+H	Keyboard keys

In descriptions of command syntax, the following UNIX conventions are used: braces { } enclose a choice of required items, square brackets [ ] enclose optional items, and the bar symbol | separates items in a list from which one item must be chosen. Lines of command syntax that wrap should be interpreted as a single command.

File names and paths are generally represented with the UNIX conventions. If you are running on Windows, replace the forward slash character / with the backslash character \.

In this document, to *type* text means to type the required text in the specified location, and to *enter* text means to type the required text, then press the ENTER key.

References to literature sources are given in square brackets, like this: [10].



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# Maestro Overview

Maestro is the graphical user interface for all of Schrödinger's products: CombiGlide™, Epik™, Glide™, Impact™, Jaguar™, Liaison™, LigPrep™, MacroModel®, Phase™, Prime™, PrimeX™, QikProp™, QSite™, SiteMap™, and Strike™. It contains tools for building, displaying, and manipulating chemical structures; for organizing, loading, and storing these structures and associated data; and for setting up, monitoring, and visualizing the results of calculations on these structures. This chapter provides a brief introduction to Maestro and some of its capabilities. For more information on any of the topics in this chapter, see the [Maestro User Manual](#).

## General Interface Behavior

Most Maestro panels are amodal: more than one panel can be open at a time, and a panel need not be closed for an action to be carried out. Each Maestro panel has a Close button so you can hide the panel from view. Maestro also uses dialog boxes, which are modal: other panels cannot be used until the dialog box is dismissed. Some dialog boxes permit interaction with the Workspace, so that you can select atoms and manipulate the structure.

Maestro supports the mouse functions common to many graphical user interfaces. The left button is used for choosing menu items, clicking buttons, and selecting objects by clicking or dragging. This button is also used for resizing and moving panels. The right button displays a shortcut menu. Other common mouse functions are supported, such as using the mouse in combination with the SHIFT or CTRL keys to select a range of items in a list and select or deselect a single item without affecting other items. The mouse wheel is supported for scrolling vertically in tables, lists, and text areas, and can be used in combination with the SHIFT key for larger movements. The wheel is also used for zooming in the Workspace and other special functions. See [Table 1 on page 12](#) and [Table 3 on page 19](#) for summaries of mouse operations.

In addition, the mouse buttons are used for special functions described later in this chapter. These functions assume that you have a three-button mouse. If you have a two-button mouse, ensure that it is configured for three-button mouse simulation (the middle mouse button is simulated by pressing or holding down both buttons simultaneously).

## Starting Maestro

The mechanism for starting Maestro is different for UNIX and Windows hosts. This mechanism is described for each of these host types in the following subsections.

### Starting Maestro on a Windows Host

To start Maestro, double-click the Maestro icon on the desktop, or use the Start menu. Maestro is in the Schrödinger submenu. This submenu can also be used to open the release notes and the documentation index in your browser.

To start Maestro with a specific project, double-click the zipped project. Zipped projects have a .prjzip extension, and are read-only. To replace the zipped project, you must first save it, then zip it, then copy it over the old project. Zipped projects can also be linked to a web page: clicking on the link to project in your browser opens the project in Maestro.

### Starting Maestro on a UNIX Host

Before starting Maestro, you must first set the SCHRODINGER environment variable to point to the installation directory. To set this variable, enter the following command at a shell prompt:

```
cshtcsh:      setenv SCHRODINGER installation-directory
```

```
bash/ksh:    export SCHRODINGER=installation-directory
```

You might also need to set the DISPLAY environment variable, if it is not set automatically when you log in. To determine if you need to set this variable, enter the command:

```
echo $DISPLAY
```

If the response is a blank line, set the variable by entering the following command:

```
cshtcsh:      setenv DISPLAY display-machine-name:0.0
```

```
bash/ksh:    export DISPLAY=display-machine-name:0.0
```

For local display, you should omit *display-machine-name*.

After you set the SCHRODINGER and DISPLAY environment variables, you can start Maestro using the command:

```
$SCHRODINGER/maestro options
```

If you add the \$SCHRODINGER directory to your path, you only need to enter the command `maestro`. Options for this command are given in [Section 2.1](#) of the *Maestro User Manual*.

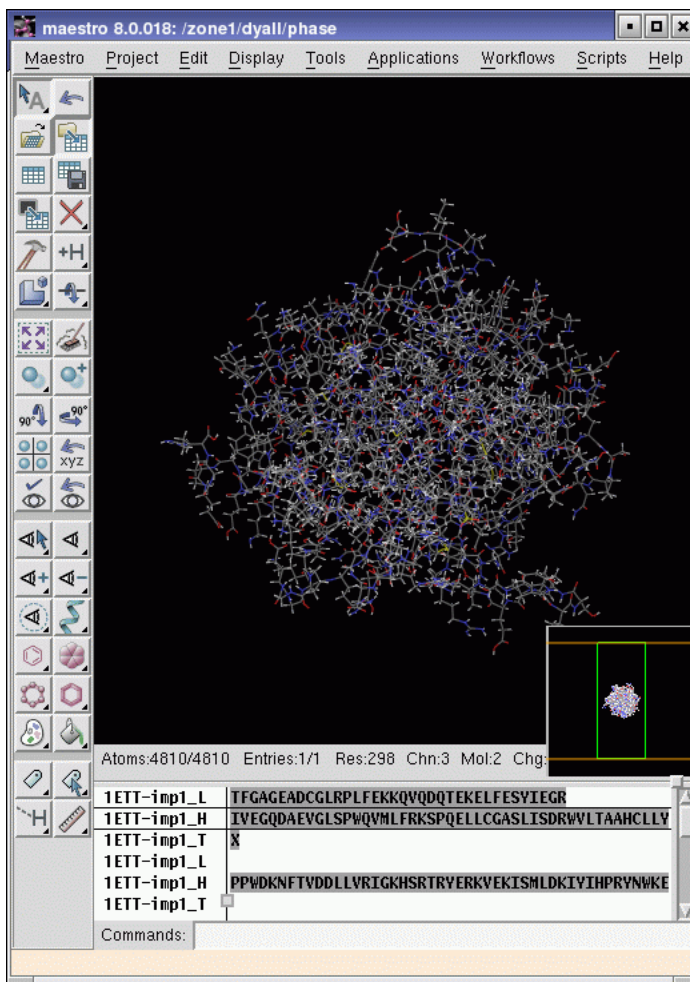
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## The Maestro Main Window

The Maestro main window is shown in [Figure 1](#). The main window components are listed below.

The following components are always visible:

- **Title bar**—displays the Maestro version, the project name (if there is one) and the current working directory.
- **Auto-Help**—automatically displays context-sensitive help.



**Figure 1.** The Maestro main window.

- **Menu bar**—provides access to panels.
- **Workspace**—displays molecular structures and other 3D graphical objects.

The following components can be displayed or hidden by choosing the component from the Display menu. Your choice of which main window components are displayed is persistent between Maestro sessions.

- **Toolbar**—contains buttons for many common tasks and provides tools for displaying and manipulating structures, as well as organizing the Workspace.
- **Status bar**—displays information about a particular atom, or about structures in the Workspace, depending on where the pointer pauses (see [Section 2.5](#) of the *Maestro User Manual* for details):
- **Clipping planes window**—displays a small, top view of the Workspace and shows the clipping planes and viewing volume indicators.
- **Sequence viewer**—shows the sequences for proteins displayed in the Workspace. See [Section 2.6](#) of the *Maestro User Manual* for details.
- **Command input area**—provides a place to enter Maestro commands.

When a distinction between components in the main window and those in other panels is needed, the term *main* is applied to the main window components (e.g., main toolbar).

You can expand the Workspace to occupy the full screen, by pressing CTRL+=. All other components and panels are hidden. To return to the previous display, press CTRL+= again.

## The Menu Bar

The menus on the main menu bar provide access to panels, allow you to execute commands, and control the appearance of the Workspace. The main menus are as follows:

- **Maestro**—save or print Workspace images, set preferences, change directories, enter system commands, save or load a panel layout, set up Maestro command aliases, and quit Maestro.
- **Project**—open and close projects, import and export structures, make a snapshot, and annotate a project. These actions can also be performed from the Project Table panel. For more information, see [page 14](#).
- **Edit**—undo actions, build and modify structures, define command scripts and macros, and find atoms in the Workspace.
- **Display**—control the display of the contents of the Workspace, arrange panels, and display or hide main window components.



- **Tools**—group atoms; measure, align, and superimpose structures; assign structural features; and view and visualize data.
- **Applications**—set up, submit, and monitor jobs for Schrödinger’s computational programs. Some products have a submenu from which you can choose a specific task.
- **Workflows**—set up, submit, and monitor jobs for workflows (also known as “solutions”). These workflows generally use more than one product.
- **Scripts**—manage and install Python scripts that come with the distribution and scripts that you create yourself. (See [Chapter 13](#) of the *Maestro User Manual* for details.)
- **Help**—display various kinds of documentation, including online help, Balloon Help (tooltips), manuals, FAQs, information about Maestro and other Schrödinger products.

## The Toolbar

The main toolbar contains three kinds of buttons for performing common tasks:



**Action**—Perform a simple task, like clearing the Workspace.



**Display**—Open or close a panel or open a dialog box, such as the Project Table panel.



**Menu**—Display a *button menu*. These buttons have a triangle in the lower right corner.

There are four types of items on button menus, and all four types can be on the same menu (see [Figure 2](#)):

- **Action**—Perform an action immediately.
- **Display**—Open a panel or dialog box.
- **Object types for selection**—Choose Atoms, Bonds, Residues, Chains, Molecules, or Entries, then click on an atom in the Workspace to perform the action on all the atoms in that structural unit.

The object type is marked on the menu with a red diamond and the button is indented to indicate the action to be performed.

- **Other setting**—Set a state, choose an attribute, or choose a parameter and click on atoms in the Workspace to display or change that parameter.

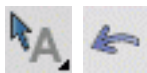


**Figure 2. Examples of button menus.**

The toolbar buttons are described below. Some descriptions refer to features not described in this document. See the *Maestro User Manual* for a fuller description of these features.

#### Workspace selection

- Choose an object type for selecting
- Open the Atom Selection dialog box

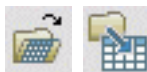


#### Undo/Redo

Undo or redo the last action. Same as Undo on the Edit menu. Changes to an arrow pointing in the opposite direction when an Undo has been performed, indicating that its next action is Redo.

#### Open a project

Open the Open Project dialog box.



#### Import structures

Open the Import panel.

#### Open/Close Project Table

Open the Project Table panel or close it if it is open.



#### Save as

Open the Save Project As dialog box, to save the project with a new name.

#### Create entry from Workspace

Open a dialog box in which you can create an entry in the current project using the contents of the Workspace.

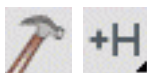


#### Delete

- Choose an object type for deleting
- Delete hydrogens and waters
- Open the Atom Selection dialog box
- Delete other items associated with the structures in the Workspace
- Double-click to delete all atoms

#### Open/Close Build panel

Open the Build panel or close it if it is open.



#### Add hydrogens

- Choose an object type for applying a hydrogen treatment
- Open the Atom Selection dialog box
- Double-click to add hydrogens to all structures in the Workspace

#### Local transformation

- Choose an object type for transforming
- Open the Advanced Transformations panel

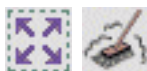


#### Adjust distances, angles, dihedrals, chiralities, torsions, or rotamers

- Choose a parameter for adjusting
- Display contacts
- Delete adjustments
- Open the Rotamers dialog box

### Fit to screen

Scale the displayed structure or selected atoms to fit into the Workspace and reset the center of rotation.



### Clear Workspace

Clear all atoms from the Workspace



### Set fog display state

Choose a fog state. Automatic means fog is on when there are more than 40 atoms in the Workspace, off otherwise.



### Enhance depth cues

Optimize fogging and other depth cues based on what is in the Workspace.



### Rotate around X axis by 90 degrees

Rotate the Workspace contents around the X axis by 90 degrees.



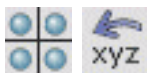
### Rotate around Y axis by 90 degrees

Rotate the Workspace contents around the Y axis by 90 degrees.



### Tile entries

Arrange entries in a rectangular grid in the Workspace.



### Reset Workspace

Reset the rotation, translation, and zoom of the Workspace to the default state.



### Save view

Save the current view of the Workspace: orientation, location, and zoom.



### Restore view

Restore the last saved view of the Workspace: orientation, location, and zoom.



### Display only selected atoms

- Choose an object type for displaying
- Double-click to display all atoms



### Display only

- Choose a predefined atom category
- Open the Atom Selection dialog box



### Also display

- Choose a predefined atom category
- Open the Atom Selection dialog box



### Undisplay

- Choose a predefined atom category
- Open the Atom Selection dialog box



### Display residues within N angstroms of currently displayed atoms

- Choose a radius
- Open a dialog box to set a value



### Show, hide, or color ribbons

- Choose show or hide ribbons
- Choose a color scheme for coloring ribbons



### Draw bonds in wire

- Choose an object type for drawing bonds in wire representation
- Open the Atom Selection dialog box
- Double-click to apply to all atoms



### Draw atoms in CPK

- Choose an object type for drawing bonds in CPK representation
- Open the Atom Selection dialog box
- Double-click to apply to all atoms



### Draw atoms in Ball & Stick

- Choose an object type for drawing bonds in Ball & Stick representation
- Open the Atom Selection dialog box
- Double-click to apply to all atoms



### Draw bonds in tube

- Choose an object type for drawing bonds in tube representation
- Open the Atom Selection dialog box
- Double-click to apply to all atoms



### Color all atoms by scheme

Choose a predefined color scheme



### Color residue by constant color

- Choose a color for applying to residues
- Double-click to color all atoms



### Label atoms

- Choose a predefined label type
- Delete labels



### Label picked atoms

- Choose an object type for labeling atoms
- Open the Atom Selection dialog box
- Open the Composition tab of the Atom Labels panel
- Delete labels

### Display H-bonds

- Choose bond type:

intra—displays H-bonds within the molecule you select

inter—displays H-bonds between the molecule you select and all other atoms in the Workspace.

- Delete H-bonds



### Measure distances, angles, dihedrals, or coupling

- Choose a parameter for displaying measurements
- Delete measurements

## Mouse Functions in the Workspace

The left mouse button is used for selecting objects. You can either click on a single atom or bond, or you can drag to select multiple objects. The right mouse button opens shortcut menus, which are described in [Section 2.7](#) of the *Maestro User Manual*.

The middle and right mouse buttons can be used on their own and in combination with the SHIFT and CTRL keys to perform common operations, such as rotating, translating, centering, adjusting, and zooming.

Table 1. Mapping of Workspace operations to mouse actions.

Mouse Button	Keyboard	Motion	Action
Left		click, drag	Select
Left		drag	Quick Torsion adjustment and adjustment of distance, angle, dihedral
Left	SHIFT	click, drag	Toggle the selection
Middle		drag	Rotate about X and Y axes
Middle	SHIFT	drag vertically	Rotate about X axis
Middle	SHIFT	drag horizontally	Rotate about Y axis
Middle	CTRL	drag horizontally	Rotate about Z axis
Middle	SHIFT + CTRL	drag horizontally	Zoom
Right		click	Spot-center on selection Toggle selection

Table 1. Mapping of Workspace operations to mouse actions. (Continued)

Mouse Button	Keyboard	Motion	Action
Right		click and hold	Display shortcut menu
Right		drag	Translate in the X-Y plane
Right	SHIFT	drag vertically	Translate along the X axis
Right	SHIFT	drag horizontally	Translate along the Y axis
Right	CTRL	drag horizontally	Translate along the Z axis
Middle & Right		drag horizontally	Zoom
Wheel		scroll	Zoom In any adjust mode, do adjustment
Wheel	CTRL	scroll	Adjust isovalue of electron density map (PrimeX) In clipping planes window, move clipping planes in opposite directions
Wheel	SHIFT	scroll	In clipping planes window, move clipping planes in the same direction

## Shortcut Key Combinations

Some frequently used operations have been assigned shortcut key combinations. The shortcuts available in the main window are described in [Table 2](#).

Table 2. Shortcut keys in the Maestro main window.

Keys	Action	Equivalent Menu Choices
CTRL+B	Open Build panel	Edit > Build
CTRL+C	Create entry	Project > Create Entry From Workspace
CTRL+E	Open Command Script Editor panel	Edit > Command Script Editor
CTRL+F	Open Find Atoms panel	Edit > Find
CTRL+H	Open Help panel	Help > Help
CTRL+I	Open Import panel	Project > Import Structures
CTRL+M	Open Measurements panel	Tools > Measurements
CTRL+N	Create new project	Project > New
CTRL+O	Open project	Project > Open

Table 2. Shortcut keys in the Maestro main window. (Continued)

Keys	Action	Equivalent Menu Choices
CTRL+P	Print	Maestro > Print
CTRL+Q	Quit	Maestro > Quit
CTRL+S	Open Sets panel	Tools > Sets
CTRL+T	Open Project Table panel	Project > Show Table
CTRL+W	Close project	Project > Close
CTRL+Z	Undo/Redo last command	Edit > Undo/Redo
CTRL+=	Enter and exit full screen mode (Workspace occupies full screen)	None

## Maestro Projects

All the work you do in Maestro is done within a *project*. A project consists of a set of *entries*, each of which contains one or more chemical structures and their associated data. In any Maestro session, there can be only one Maestro project open. If you do not specify a project when you start Maestro, a *scratch* project is created. You can work in a scratch project without saving it, but you must save it in order to use it in future sessions. When you save or close a project, all the view transformations (rotation, translation, and zoom) are saved with it. When you close a project, a new scratch project is automatically created.

Likewise, if there is no entry displayed in the Workspace, Maestro creates a *scratch* entry. Structures that you build in the Workspace constitute a scratch entry until you save the structures as project entries. The scratch entry is not saved with the project unless you explicitly add it to the project. However, you can use a scratch entry as input for some calculations.

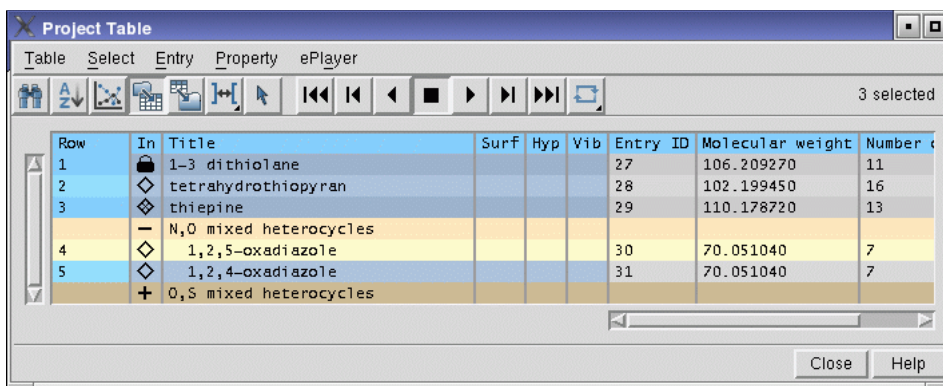
To add a scratch entry to a project, do one of the following:

- Click the Create entry from Workspace button:



- Choose Create Entry from Workspace from the Project menu.
- Press CTRL+C.

In the dialog box, enter a name and a title for the entry. The entry name is used internally to identify the entry and can be modified by Maestro. The title can be set or changed by the user, but is not otherwise modified by Maestro.



**Figure 3. The Project Table panel.**

Once an entry has been incorporated into the project, its structures and their data are represented by a row in the Project Table. Each row contains the row number, an icon indicating whether the entry is displayed in the Workspace (the In column), the entry title, a button to open the Surfaces panel if the entry has surfaces, the entry name, and any entry properties. The row number is not a property of the entry.

Entries can be collected into groups, and the members of the group can be displayed or hidden. Most additions of multiple entries to the Project Table are done as entry groups.

You can use entries as input for all of the computational programs—Glide, Impact, Jaguar, Liaison, LigPrep, MacroModel, Phase, Prime, QikProp, QSite, and Strike. You can select entries as input for the ePlayer, which displays the selected structures in sequence. You can also duplicate, combine, rename, and sort entries; create properties; import structures as entries; and export structures and properties from entries in various formats.

To open the Project Table panel, do one of the following:

- Click the Open/Close Project Table button on the toolbar



- Choose Show Table from the Project menu
- Press CTRL+T.

The Project Table panel contains a menu bar, a toolbar, and the table itself.

## The Project Table Toolbar

The Project Table toolbar contains two groups of buttons and a status display. The first set of buttons opens various panels that allow you to perform functions on the entries in the Project Table. The second set of buttons controls the ePlayer, which “plays through” the selected structures: each structure is displayed in the Workspace in sequence, at a given time interval. See [page 9](#) for a description of the types of toolbar buttons. The buttons are described below.



### Find

Open the Find panel for locating alphanumeric text in any column of the Project Table, except for the row number.



### Sort

Open the Sort panel for sorting entries by up to three properties.



### Plot

Open the Plot panel for plotting entry properties.



### Import Structure

Open the Import panel for importing structures into the project.



### Export Structure

Open the Export panel for exporting structures to a file.



### Columns

Choose an option for adjusting the column widths.



### Select only

Open the Entry Selection dialog box for selecting entries based on criteria for entry properties.



### Go to start

Display the first selected structure.



### Previous

Display the previous structure in the list of selected structures.



### Play backward

Display the selected structures in sequence, moving toward the first.



### Stop

Stop the ePlayer.



### Play forward

Display the selected structures in sequence, moving toward the last.





#### Next

Display the next structure in the list of selected structures.



#### Go to end

Display the last selected structure.



#### Loop

Choose an option for repeating the display of the structures. **Single Direction** displays structures in a single direction, then repeats. **Oscillate** reverses direction each time the beginning or end of the list is reached.

The status display, to the right of the toolbar buttons, shows the number of selected entries. When you pause the cursor over the status display, the Balloon Help shows the total number of entries, the number shown in the table, the number selected, and the number included in the Workspace.

## The Project Table Menus

- **Table**—find text, sort entries, plot properties, import and export structures, and configure the Project Table.
- **Select**—select all entries, none, invert your selection, or select classes of entries using the Entry Selection dialog box and the Filter panel.
- **Entry**—include or exclude entries from the Workspace, display or hide entries in the Project Table, and perform various operations on the selected entries.
- **Property**—display and manipulate entry properties in the Project Table.
- **ePlayer**—view entries in succession, stop, reverse, and set the ePlayer options.

## Selecting Entries

Many operations in Maestro are performed on the entries selected in the Project Table. The Project Table functions much like any other table: select rows by clicking, shift-clicking, and control-clicking. However, because clicking in an editable cell of a selected row enters edit mode, you should click in the Row column to select entries. See [Section on page 19](#) for more information on mouse actions in the Project Table. There are shortcuts for selecting classes of entries on the Select menu.

In addition to selecting entries manually, you can select entries that meet a combination of conditions on their properties. Such combinations of conditions are called *filters*. Filters are Entry Selection Language (ESL) expressions and are evaluated at the time they are applied. For example, if you want to set up a Glide job that uses ligands with a low molecular weight (say,

less than 300) and that has certain QikProp properties, you can set up a filter and use it to select entries for the job. If you save the filter, you can use it again on a different set of ligands that meet the same selection criteria.

#### To create a filter:

1. Do one of the following:
  - Choose Only, Add, or Deselect from the Select menu.
  - Click the Entry selection button on the toolbar.



2. In the Properties tab, select a property from the property list, then select a condition.
3. Combine this selection with the current filter by clicking Add, Subtract, or Intersect. These buttons perform the Boolean operations OR, AND NOT, and AND on the corresponding ESL expressions.
4. To save the filter for future use click Create Filter, enter a name, and click OK.
5. Click OK to apply the filter immediately.

## Including Entries in the Workspace

In addition to selecting entries, you can also use the Project Table to control which entries are displayed in the Workspace. An entry that is displayed in the Workspace is *included* in the Workspace; likewise, an entry that is not displayed is *excluded*. Included entries are marked by an X in the diamond in the In column; excluded entries are marked by an empty diamond. Entry inclusion is completely independent of entry selection.

To include or exclude entries, click, shift-click, or control-click in the In column of the entries, or select entries and choose Include or Exclude from the Entry menu. Inclusion with the mouse works just like selection: when you include an entry by clicking, all other entries are excluded.

It is sometimes useful to keep one entry in the Workspace and include others one by one: for example, a receptor and a set of ligands. You can fix the receptor in the Workspace by selecting it in the Project Table and choosing Fix from the Entry menu or by pressing CTRL+F. A padlock icon replaces the diamond in the In column to denote a *fixed* entry. To remove a fixed entry from the Workspace, you must exclude it explicitly (CTRL+X). It is not affected by the inclusion or exclusion of other entries. Fixing an entry affects only its inclusion; you can still rotate, translate, or modify the structure.

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## Mouse Functions in the Project Table

The Project Table supports the standard use of shift-click and control-click to select objects. This behavior applies to the selection of entries and the inclusion of entries in the Workspace. You can also drag to resize rows and columns and to move rows. You can scroll vertically through the Project Table using the mouse wheel.

You can drag a set of non-contiguous entries to reposition them in the Project Table. When you release the mouse button, the entries are placed after the first unselected entry that precedes the entry on which the cursor is resting. For example, if you select entries 2, 4, and 6, and release the mouse button on entry 3, these three entries are placed after entry 1, because entry 1 is the first unselected entry that precedes entry 3. To move entries to the top of the table, drag them above the top of the table; to move entries to the end of the table, drag them below the end of the table.

A summary of mouse functions in the Project Table is provided in [Table 3](#).

*Table 3. Mouse operations in the Project Table.*

Task	Mouse Operation
Change a Boolean property value	Click repeatedly in a cell to cycle through the possible values (On, Off, Clear)
Display the Entry menu for an entry	Right-click anywhere in the entry. If the entry is not selected, it becomes the selected entry. If the entry is selected, the action is applied to all selected entries.
Display a version of the Property menu for a property	Right-click in the column header
Edit the text or the value in a table cell	Click in the cell and edit the text or value
Include an entry in the Workspace, exclude all others	Click the In column of the entry
Move selected entries	Drag the entries
Paste text into a table cell	Middle-click
Resize rows or columns	Drag the boundary with the middle mouse button
Select an entry, deselect all others	For an unselected entry, click anywhere in the row except the In column; for a selected entry, click the row number.
Select or include multiple entries	Click the first entry then shift-click the last entry
Toggle the selection or inclusion state	Control-click the entry or the In column
Scroll through the entries	Use the wheel to scroll one entry at a time; hold down <b>SHIFT</b> and use the wheel to scroll a page at a time.

## Project Table Shortcut Keys

Some frequently used project operations have been assigned shortcut key combinations. The shortcuts, their functions, and their menu equivalents are listed in [Table 4](#).

*Table 4. Shortcut keys in the Project Table.*

Keys	Action	Equivalent Menu Choices
CTRL+A	Select all entries	Select > All
CTRL+F	Fix entry in Workspace	Entry > Fix
CTRL+I	Open Import panel	Table > Import Structures
CTRL+N	Include only selected entries	Entry > Include Only
CTRL+U	Deselect all entries	Select > None
CTRL+X	Exclude selected entries	Entry > Exclude
CTRL+Z	Undo/Redo last command	Edit > Undo/Redo in main window

In addition to these shortcut keys that can be used in the Project Table, there is a range of keys that can be used both in the Project Table and the Workspace for project navigation and operations. These keys are summarized in [Table 5](#).

*Table 5. Project Table navigation and operation keys*

Key	Description
UP ARROW	Scroll the Project Table up one row.
DOWN ARROW	Scroll the Project Table down one row.
RIGHT ARROW	ePlayer step forward (include next selected entry).
LEFT ARROW	ePlayer step backwards (include previous selected entry).
HOME	Scroll the Project Table to the top.
END	Scroll the Project Table to the bottom.
PAGE UP	Scroll the Project Table up one page.
PAGE DOWN	Scroll the Project Table down one page.
SHIFT+UP ARROW	Scroll the Project Table up by one group.
SHIFT+DOWN ARROW	Scroll the Project Table down by one group.
CTRL + UP ARROW	Scroll the Project Table up by one group, expand the group and collapse all other groups.

Table 5. Project Table navigation and operation keys (Continued)

Key	Description
CTRL + DOWN ARROW	Scroll the Project Table down by one group, expand the group and collapse all other groups.
CTRL + LEFT ARROW	ePlayer Go to Start (include first selected entry)
CTRL + RIGHT ARROW	ePlayer Go to End (include last selected entry)
M	Mark or clear mark for the current entry. If the Mark property does not exist, create it and set the value for the entry to <code>true</code> (marked).
S	Display or undisplay entry information in the Workspace. This option is subject to a preference for display of single-entry feedback (see <a href="#">page 185</a> ).

## Building a Structure

After you start Maestro, the first task is usually to create or import a structure. You can open existing Maestro projects or import structures from other sources to obtain a structure, or you can build your own. To open the Build panel, do one of the following:

- Click the Open/Close Build panel button in the toolbar:



- Choose Build from the Edit menu.
- Press CTRL+B.

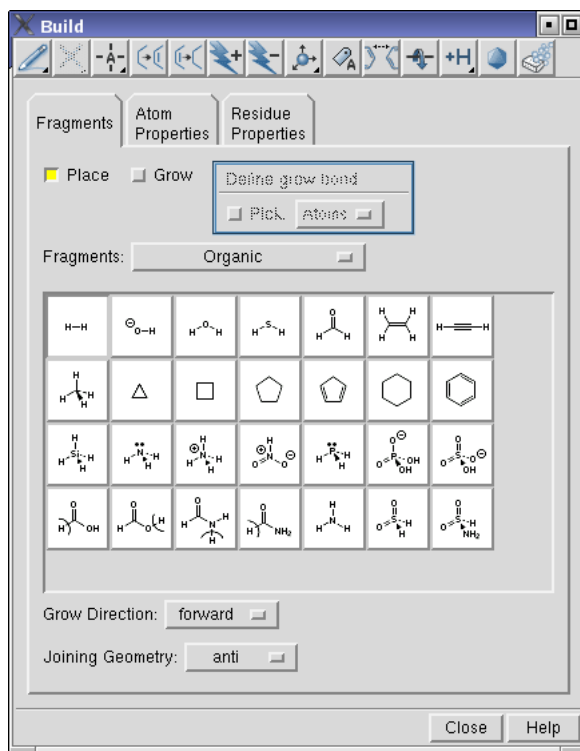
The Build panel allows you to create structures by drawing or placing atoms or fragments in the Workspace and connecting them into a larger structure, to adjust atom positions and bond orders, and to change atom properties. This panel contains a toolbar and three tabs.

## Placing and Connecting Fragments

The Build panel provides several tools for creating structures in the Workspace. You can place and connect fragments, or you can draw a structure freehand.

### To place a fragment in the Workspace:

1. Select Place.
2. Choose a fragment library from the Fragments menu.
3. Click a fragment.



**Figure 4. The Build panel.**

4. Click in the Workspace where you want the fragment to be placed.

**To connect fragments in the Workspace, do one of the following:**

- Place another fragment and connect them using the Connect & Fuse panel, which you open from the Edit menu on the main menu bar or with the Display Connect & Fuse panel on the Build toolbar.



- Replace one or more atoms in the existing fragment with another fragment by selecting a fragment and clicking in the Workspace on the main atom to be replaced.
- Grow another fragment by selecting Grow in the Build panel and clicking the fragment you want to add in the Fragments tab.

Grow mode uses predefined rules to connect a fragment to the *grow bond*. The grow bond is marked by a green arrow. The new fragment replaces the atom at the head of the arrow on the

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grow bond and all atoms attached to it. To change the grow bond, choose Bonds from the Pick option menu in the Build panel and click on the desired grow bond in the Workspace. The arrow points to the atom nearest to where you clicked.

### To draw a structure freehand:

1. Choose an element from the Draw button menu on the Build panel toolbar:



2. Click in the Workspace to place an atom of that element.
3. Click again to place another atom and connect it to the previous atom.
4. Continue this process until you have drawn the structure.
5. Click the active atom again to finish drawing.

## Adjusting Properties

In the Atom Properties tab, you can change the properties of the atoms in the Workspace. For each item on the Property option menu—Element, Atom Type (MacroModel), Partial Charge, PDB Atom Name, Grow Name, and Atom Name—there is a set of tools you can use to change the atom properties. For example, the Element tools consist of a periodic table from which you can choose an element and select an atom to change it to an atom of the selected element.

Similarly, the Residue Properties tab provides tools for changing the properties of residues: the Residue Number, the Residue Name, and the Chain Name.

To adjust bond lengths, bond angles, dihedral angles, and chiralities during or after building a structure, use the Adjust distances, angles or dihedrals button on the main toolbar:



You can also open the Adjust panel from this button menu, from the Display Adjust panel button on the Build panel toolbar (which has the same appearance as the above button) or from the Edit menu in the main window.

## The Build Panel Toolbar

The toolbar of the Build panel provides quick access to tools for drawing and modifying structures and labeling atoms. See [page 9](#) for a description of the types of toolbar buttons. The toolbar buttons and their use are described below.



### Free-hand drawing

Choose an element for drawing structures freehand in the Workspace (default C). Each click in the Workspace places an atom and connects it to the previous atom.



### Delete

Choose an object for deleting. Same as the [Delete](#) button on the main toolbar, see [page 10](#).



### Set element

Choose an element for changing atoms in the Workspace (default C). Click an atom to change it to the selected element.



### Increment bond order

Select a bond to increase its bond order by one, to a maximum of 3.



### Decrement bond order

Select a bond to decrease its bond order by one, to a minimum of 0.



### Increment formal charge

Select an atom to increase its formal charge by one.



### Decrement formal charge

Select an atom to decrease its formal charge by one.



### Move

Choose a direction for moving atoms, then click the atom to be moved. Moves in the XY plane are made by clicking the new location. Moves in the Z direction are made in 0.5 Å increments.



### Label

Apply heteroatom labels as you build a structure. The label consists of the element name and formal charge, and is applied to atoms other than C and H.



### Display Connect & Fuse panel

Open the Connect & Fuse panel so you can connect structures (create bonds between structures) or fuse structures (replace atoms of one structure with those of another).



### Display Adjust panel

Open the Adjust panel so you can change bond lengths, bond angles, dihedral angles, or atom chiralities.



### Add hydrogens

Choose an atom type for applying the current hydrogen treatment. Same as the [Add hydrogens](#) button on the main toolbar, see [page 10](#).



### Geometry Symmetrizer

Open the Geometry Symmetrizer panel for symmetrizing the geometry of the structure in the Workspace.



### Geometry Cleanup

Clean up the geometry of the structure in the Workspace.



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## Selecting Atoms

Maestro has a powerful set of tools for selecting atoms in a structure: toolbar buttons, picking tools in panels, and the Atom Selection dialog box. These tools allow you to select atoms in two ways:

- Select atoms first and apply an action to them
- Choose an action first and then select atoms for that action

### Toolbar Buttons

The small triangle in the lower right corner of a toolbar button indicates that the button contains a menu. Many of these buttons allow you to choose an object type for selecting: choose Atoms, Bonds, Residues, Chains, Molecules, or Entries, then click on an atom in the Workspace to perform the action on all the atoms in that structural unit.

For example, to select atoms with the Workspace selection toolbar button:

1. Choose Residues from the Workspace selection button menu:



The button changes to:



2. Click on an atom in a residue in the Workspace to select all the atoms in that residue.

### Picking Tools

The picking tools are embedded in each panel in which you need to select atoms to apply an operation. The picking tools in a panel can include one or more of the following:

- Pick option menu—Allows you to choose Atoms, Bonds, Residues, Chains, Molecules, or Entries, then click on an atom in the Workspace to perform the action on all the atoms in that structural unit.

The Pick option menu varies from panel to panel, because not all object types are appropriate for a given operation. For example, some panels have only Atoms and Bonds in the Pick option menu.

- All button—Performs the action on all atoms in the Workspace.
- Selection button—Performs the action on any atoms already selected in the Workspace.

- Previous button—Performs the action on the most recent atom selection defined in the Atom Selection dialog box.
- Select button—Opens the Atom Selection dialog box.
- ASL text box—Allows you to type in an ASL expression for selecting atoms.

ASL stands for Atom Specification Language, and is described in detail in the [Maestro Command Reference Manual](#).

- Clear button—Clears the current selection



- Show markers option—Marks the selected atoms in the Workspace.

For example, to label atoms with the Label Atoms panel:

1. Choose Atom Labels from the Display menu.
2. In the Composition tab, select Element and Atom Number.
3. In the picking tools section at the top of the panel, you could do one of the following:
  - Click Selection to apply labels to the atoms already selected in the Workspace (from the previous example).
  - Choose Residues from the Pick option menu and click on an atom in a different residue to label all the atoms in that residue.

## The Atom Selection Dialog Box

If you wish to select atoms based on more complex criteria, you can use the Atom Selection dialog box. To open this dialog box, choose Select from a button menu or click the Select button in a panel. See [Section 5.3](#) of the *Maestro User Manual* for detailed instructions on how to use the Atom Selection dialog box.

## Scripting in Maestro

Although you can perform nearly all Maestro-supported operations through menus and panels, you can also perform operations using Maestro commands, or compilations of these commands, called *scripts*. Scripts can be used to automate lengthy procedures or repetitive tasks and can be created in several ways. These are summarized below.

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## Python Scripts

Python is a full-featured scripting language that has been embedded in Maestro to extend its scripting facilities. The Python capabilities within Maestro include access to Maestro functionality for dealing with chemical structures, projects, and Maestro files.

The two main Python commands used in Maestro are:

- `pythonrun`—runs a Python module. (You can also use the alias `pyrun`.) The syntax is:  

```
pythonrun module.function
```
- `pythonimport`—rereads a Python file so that the next time you use the `pythonrun` command, it uses the updated version of the module. (You can also use the alias `pyimp`.)

From the Maestro Scripts menu you can install, manage, and run Python scripts. For more information on the Scripts menu, see [Section 13.1](#) of the *Maestro User Manual*. A variety of Python scripts is available from the [Script Center](#) on the Schrödinger web site.

For more information on using Python with Maestro, see *Scripting with Python*.

## Command Scripts

All Maestro commands are logged and displayed in the Command Script Editor panel. This means you can create a command script by performing the operations with the GUI controls, copying the logged commands from the Command History list into the Script text area of the panel, then saving the list of copied commands as a script.

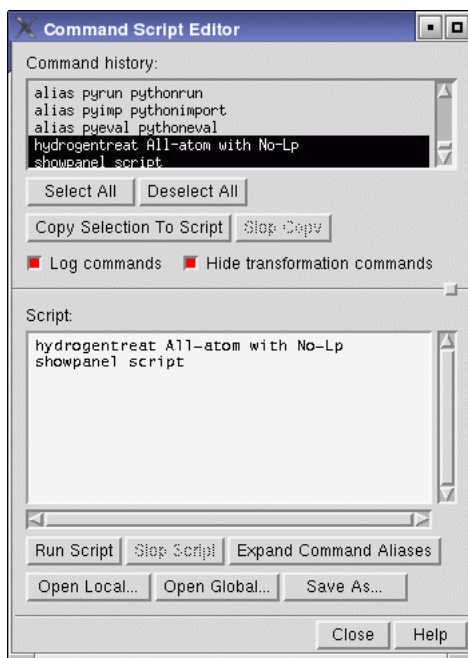
### To run an existing command script:

1. Open the Command Script Editor panel from the Edit menu in the main window.
2. Click Open Local and navigate to the directory containing the desired script.
3. Select a script in the Files list and click Open.

The script is loaded into the Script window of the Command Script Editor panel.

4. Click Run Script.

Command scripts cannot be used for Prime operations.



**Figure 5. The Command Script Editor panel.**

## Macros

There are two kinds of macros you can create: named macros and macros assigned to function keys F1 through F12.

### To create and run a named macro:

1. Open the Macros panel from the Edit menu in the main window.
2. Click New, enter a name for the macro, and click OK.
3. In the Definition text box, type the commands for the macro.
4. Click Update to update the macro definition.
5. To run the macro, enter the following in the command input area in the main window:

```
macrorun macro-name
```

If the command input area is not visible, choose Command Input Area from the Display menu.

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**To create and run a function key macro:**

1. Open the Function Key Macros panel from the Edit menu in the main window.
2. From the Macro Key option, select a function key (F1 through F12) to which to assign the macro.
3. In the text box, type the commands for the macro.
4. Click Run to test the macro or click Save to save it.
5. To run the macro from the main window, press the assigned function key.

For more information on macros, see [Section 13.5](#) of the *Maestro User Manual*.

## Specifying a Maestro Working Directory

Maestro's current working directory is defined differently on UNIX and on Windows. On UNIX, it is the directory from which you started Maestro. On Windows it is the user profile directory, which is usually C:\Documents and Settings\*username*. All data files are written to and read from this directory unless otherwise specified (see below). You can change directories by choosing Change Directory from the Maestro menu and navigating to the desired directory, or by entering the following command in the command input area (see [page 8](#)) of the main window:

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cd directory-name
```

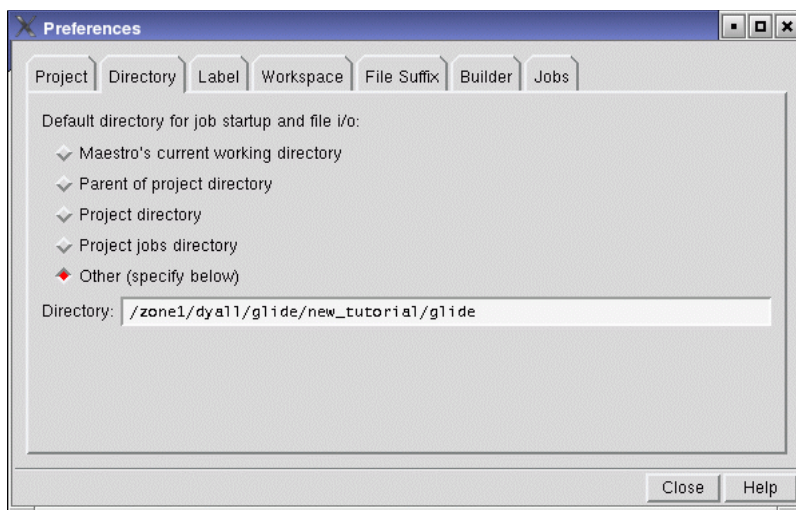
where *directory-name* is either a full path or a relative path.

When you use Maestro to launch jobs, Maestro writes job output to the directory specified in the Directory tab of the Preferences panel. By default, this directory (the file I/O directory or job submission directory) is Maestro's current working directory.

**To change the Maestro working directory:**

1. Open the Preferences panel from the Maestro menu.
2. Click the Directory tab.
3. Select the directory you want to use for reading and writing files.

You can also set other preferences in the Preferences panel. See [Section 12.2](#) of the *Maestro User Manual* for details.



**Figure 6. The Directory tab of the Preferences panel.**

## Undoing an Operation

To undo a single operation, click the Undo button in the toolbar, choose Undo from the Edit menu, or press CTRL+Z. The word Undo in the menu is followed by text that describes the operation to undo. Not all operations can be undone: for example, global rotations and translations are not undoable operations. For such operations you can use the Save view and Restore view buttons in the toolbar, which save and restore a molecular orientation.

## Running and Monitoring Jobs

Maestro has panels for each product for preparing and submitting jobs. To use these panels, choose the appropriate product and task from the Applications menu and its submenus. Set the appropriate options in the panel, then click Start to open the Start dialog box and set options for running the job. For a complete description of the Start dialog box associated with your computational program, see your product's User Manual. When you have finished setting the options, click Start to launch the job and open the Monitor panel.

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The Monitor panel is the control panel for monitoring the progress of jobs and for pausing, resuming, or killing jobs. All jobs that belong to you can be displayed in the Monitor panel, whether or not they were started from Maestro. Subjobs are indented under their parent in the job list. The File tab shows output information from the monitored job, such as the contents of the log file. The Monitor panel opens automatically when you start a job. If it is not open, you can open it by choosing Monitor from the Applications menu in the Maestro main window.

While jobs are running, the Detach, Pause, Resume, Stop, Kill, and Update buttons are active. When there are no jobs currently running, only the Monitor and Delete buttons are active. These buttons act on the selected job. By default, only jobs started from the current project are shown. To show other jobs, choose All jobs or Active jobs only from the Show option menu.

When a job ends, the results are incorporated into the project according to the settings used to launch the job. The point at which the incorporation occurs depends on the preference set in the Jobs tab of the Preferences panel: only when monitored (the default), when approved, or automatically. Jobs are incorporated only if they are part of the current project. You can monitor jobs that are not part of the current project, but their results are not incorporated. To add their results to a project, you must open the project and import the results.

Further information on job control, including configuring your site, monitoring jobs, running jobs, and job incorporation, can be found in the *Job Control Guide* and the *Installation Guide*.

## Getting Help

Maestro comes with automatic, context-sensitive help (Auto-Help), Balloon Help (tooltips), an online help facility, and a user manual. To get help, follow the steps below:

- Check the Auto-Help text box at the bottom of the main window. If help is available for the task you are performing, it is automatically displayed there. It describes what actions are needed to perform the task.
- If your question concerns a GUI element, such as a button or option, there may be Balloon Help for the item. Pause the cursor over the element. If the Balloon Help does not appear, check that Show Balloon Help is selected in the Help menu of the main window. If there is Balloon Help for the element, it appears within a few seconds.
- If you do not find the help you need using either of the steps above, click the Help button in the lower right corner of the appropriate panel. A browser is displayed with a relevant help topic.
- Use the Help menu to open the online help, display manuals, or visit the FAQ pages on the Schrödinger web site.

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If you do not find the information you need in the Maestro help system, check the following sources:

- The *Maestro User Manual*
- The Frequently Asked Questions page on the Schrödinger [Support Center](#).

You can also contact Schrödinger by e-mail or phone for help:

- E-mail: [help@schrodinger.com](mailto:help@schrodinger.com)
- Phone: (503) 299-1150

## Ending a Maestro Session

To end a Maestro session, choose Quit from the Maestro menu. To save a log file with a record of all operations performed in the current session, click Quit, save log file in the Quit panel. This information can be useful to Schrödinger support staff when responding to any problem you report.





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